. (b) the number of refugees out of them employed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) About 98,000 refugees from Tibet are staying in India at present. A statement indicating the State-wise figures is attached.

(b) About 44,500 Tibetan refuges have been provided rehabilitation assistance under various agricultural and handicraft scheme. The remaining Tibetan refugees have resettled on their own.

STATEMENT

State-wise figures of Tibetan Refugees Staying in India

S.No.	State/Union Territory	No. of refugees
1.	Andhra Pradesh	400
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6004
3.	Delhi	302
4.	Himachal Pradesh	19346
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	5704
6.	Karnataka	31467
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1650
8.	Maharashtra	1100
9.	Meghalaya	42
10.	Punjab	72
11.	Sikkim	5025
12.	Orissa	3900
13.	Uttar Pradesh	12737
14.	Bihar	53
15.	West Bengal	7386
	Total	97908

[Translation]

Road on China-Nepal-Bangladesh Border

3066. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plan to construct a 1600 km. Long road (Parsarvarti path) from Bareilly (U.P.) to Amingaon (Assam) was prepared in 1963 after the Chinese aggression in 1962 in the interest of the national security;

(b) if so, whether the Project has been completed so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken to complete the missing lines;

(e) whether the Government are considering to construct an alternative national highway compulsory along the borders of China-Nepal and Bangladesh from the strategic point of view; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to construct the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

New Railway Zones

3067. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Railways have constituted a new Railway Zone with its headquarters at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the territorial extent of the said zone and its nomenclature;

(c) whether a separate Railway Division with its headquarters at Bangalore is contemplated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these decisions are likely to become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to set up six additional Zonal Headquarters including one at Bangalore.

(b) The nomenclature of the Zone shall be South-Western Railway (SWR). The exact jurisdiction of the proposed Zone is yet to be finalised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Setting up of Zones is expected to be completed in about sixty months.

Survey by RITES

3068. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a draft report was given to railways by 'RITES' the agency which conducted survey of Angamaly-Erumely rail line through Juvattaupuzha and Pala in Kerala;

(b) whether investment return ratio shown is positive;

(c) if so, the investment return ratio of Kottayam-Erumely-Punalur line;

(d) the reasons for the delay to get final report of this survey; and

(e) whether final report would be ready by September 1996 as assured by the Railways Minister during the discussion with Members of Parliament of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Kottayam-Erumely-Punalur is a different survey which was also conducted by RITES. Its rate of return is negative.

(d) The survey report received from RITES is under examination of the Southern Railway.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Construction of Flyover

3069. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a flyover at Sonarpur Railway Crossing in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) State Govt. has yet to finalise alignment and sponsor firm proposal.

[Translation]

Official Languages Act, 1963

3070. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions have been made in the Official languages Act, 1963 for providing equal rank and facilities to English and Hindi Publications;

(b) whether any penal or corrective action is taken for violating it;

(c) if so, the reasons for discriminating between Hindi and English and not providing required facilities to Hindi in the Bhagirath magazine; and

(d) the steps-proposed to be taken for improving the situation immediately by removing such violation of the Official Languages Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : There is no such clear provision in Official language Act, 1963. However orders have been issued in respect of the house magazine and news letters brought out by the Ministries/Departments that house magazine and new letters should be published billingually (in Hindi & English) and they should have equal allocation of pages for the two languages and should be brought out in one single cover and name. The headings & design of the cover page should also be billingual and in these publication information including information regarding the working of the organisation should be published in both the languages.

(b) It is a well considered view of the Government that use and implementation of Official Languages, Hindi, in the Central Government offices should be done through motivations, incentives and goodwill. Accordingly, whenever, any instance of violation of these orders comes to the notice, the Head of the concerned organisation/office is asked to take corrective action.

(c) There is no discrimination against use of Hindi and English in the Central Govt. office. In the said magazine, "Bhagirath" Hindi has the same status which the English publication of this magazine has.

(d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Total Number of Trains

3071. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains running under each railways zone in the country;

(b) the percentage of trains which ran late and also those cancelled under each railway zone during the first six months of the current year; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring improvements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The average number of trains being run daily under each railway zone is as under :-

	Railway		No. of trains
1.	Central	-	1653
2.	Eastern	-	1466
3.	Northern	-	1142
4.	North Eastern	-	474
5.	Northeast Frontier	-	214
6.	Southern	-	1077
7.	South Central	-	493
8.	South Eastern	-	432
9.	Western	-	1363